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SUBJECT: BOUCHER'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER QURESHI

Classified By: Ambassador Anne W. Patterson for reasons 1.4 (B), (D).

1. (C) During a March 28 meeting with Assistant Secretary of South and Central Asian Affairs Boucher, Foreign Minister-designate Shah Mehmood Qureshi of the Pakistan Government met March 28 with then Foreign Minister-designate Shah Mehmood Qureshi of the Pakistan Government. Boucher opened the meeting by saying that the U.S. wants to be a strong partner to assist Pakistan in its transition to democracy, but Combating Extremism

4. (C) Qureshi noted that the Pakistani people had rejected the extremists and said Pakistan understood the need for stability, continuity, 5. (C) Qureshi confirmed that the new government would look to the Awami National Party to begin a dialogue, not with terrorists themselves, 6. (C) Noting that there is a growing interest in Washington to support the newly elected government, Boucher said there was an opportunity 7. (C) The Pakistanis, said Qureshi, recognize the U.S. has provided some humanitarian assistance, but they are not sold on cooperating with

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8. (C) Boucher noted that the world was paying more attention to Pakistan, for example, the Group of Eight, the EU, NATO, the Germans, and the 8. (C) Qureshi agreed on the need for more collective efforts; Boucher suggested that it might be possible to form a "Friends of Pakistan" group. 9. (C) Boucher said the U.S. had worked on the Indian government as much as we could regarding increased trade because we saw the possibilities. 10. (C) The U.S. was pleased at Pakistani Government support for President Karzai, said Boucher, and the border is now seen as a shared responsibility. 11. (C) Noting he had been in India when People's Party Co-Chair Zardari had issued a statement urging increased transit trade with India, 12. (C) Boucher said this was a positive sign and that both sides needed a nudge to make progress. In his meeting with the Foreign Secretary, 13. (C) Finally, Boucher advised Qureshi that the U.S. Government was about to impose sanctions on individuals from several countries who had ISLAMABAD 00001497 003 OF 003
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14. (C) This message was cleared by Assistant Secretary Boucher.

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